Claiborne Parish Library
Board Meeting
Approved Minutes
Monday, July 31, 2023

The Claiborne Parish Library Board of Control met Monday, July 31, 2023, 3:30 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Meeting Room. All board members were present as well as Dwayne Woodard, Pam Suggs, and Wesley Harris.

Denice Owens, President of the Board, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
A motion was made by Frank Speer that the Consent Agenda be approved, Dianne Spigener seconded the motion. Motion passed with all voicing 'aye.'

Library Director's Report:
Pam Suggs gave a brief report on the summer reading program and other programs that had been presented during the past months.

Financial Report and Discussion of the Haynesville Building Project:
There was a very lengthy discussion of the financial problems of the building project that developed in June and July. These issues stemmed from the increased costs in construction, the cash position of the library as seen by the bonding commission, and the banks loaning money for only 15 years as opposed to twenty years resulting in higher interest rates.

It was the consensus of the entire board that the project be slowed until we could have a better understanding of our financial position. A motion was made by Sandra Hines that the building project be reevaluated each quarter at the board meetings. Dianne Spigener seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Frank Speer and seconded by Trudy Clark that some of the ground upgrades begin at the downtown park area as soon as feasible. This would include the leveling of the lot as appropriate for drainage and sidewalk abutment, and bringing in topsoil to plant grass, a sidewalk, and possibly some stub outs for electrical outlets. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meetings for 2023:
Monday, September 18, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
Monday, November 27, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Pam Suggs, Secretary, Claiborne Parish Library Board of Control